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SUBJECT: VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP IN UN

1. I TALKED TWICE WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM ON SEPTEMBER 3 IN FOLLOW UP TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CONVERSATION WITH HIM PRECEDING DAY DURING WHICH WALDHEIM HAD OFFERED TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY HE COULD WITH SECURITY COUNCIL HANDLING OF VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. WALDHEIM CALLED ME LATE LAST EVENING TO BRING US UP TO DATE ON HIS EFFORTS.

2. HE HAD TALKED WITH SC PRESIDENT KIKHIA (LIBYA) IN AFTERNOON TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF MIA PROBLEM AS PUBLIC ISSUE IN US WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING KIKHI INFLUENCE VIETNAMESE. KIKHIA REPORTED THAT DATE FOR SC MEETING ON VIETNAM APPLICATION HAD NOW SLIPPED BACK FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO SEPTEMBER 10 (NO REASON GIVEN). HE WAS, HOWEVER, UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM VIETNAMESE TO HANDLER MATTER WITH SOME URGENCY. WALDHEIM SAID HE REPLIED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DATE OF IT. TO PUSH AHEAD WITH A MEETING WHEN IT WAS CLEAR BEFOREHAND THAT THE MEETING WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE OUTCOME WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF ANYONE. HE AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MIA ISSUE. KIKHIA HAD THEN AGREED WITH HIM ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RESULTS. HE SAID HE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OTHER

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MEMBERS EARLY IN THE WEEK AND INDICATED THAT, IF

NECESSARY, THE MEETING MIGHT WELL BE FURTHER DELAYED. WALDHEIM COMMENTED THAT HE HAD FOUND KIKHIA'S RESPONSE AND ATTITUDE QUITE REASONABLE. HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT KIKHIA WAS ANXIOUS TO BE KNOWN AS IMPARTIAL AND OBJECTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

3. WALDHEIM REPORTED THAT HE HAD THEN MET LATER IN THE AFTERNOON WITH THE VIETNAMESE OBSERVER. HE HAD STRESSED TO HIM THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE MIA PROBLEM AND THE NATIONAL ISSUE IT IS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE TOLD THE VIETNAMESE THAT THEY SHOULD COME FORWARD AND MAKE A GESTURE OF THE MIA QUESTION. THAT VIETNAMESE OBSERVER PROMISED TO CONVEY WALDHEIM'S REPRESENTATION TO HANOI, BUT SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN ON THE MATTER. THEY HAD ALREADY PROVIDED SUCH INFORMATION AS THEY HAS ON MIA'S AND FURTHERMORE THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND THE MIA QUESTION WERE TWO DIFFERENT MATTERS. I COMMENTED TO WALDHEIM THAT, WHETHER THE VIETNAMESE LIKE IT OR NOT, THE TWO QUESTIONS WERE THROUGHLY ENTANGLED, AND WALDHEIM AGREED. HE SAID HE HAD CONTINUED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE US GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC OF THE MIA QUESTION. THE OBSERVER HAD AGAIN PROMISED TO REPORT THE CONVERSATION TO HANOI AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS.

4. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO WALDHEIM FOR HIS EFFORTS AND SAID I KNEW SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR HAVING MADE THIS EFFORT. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH.
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